

CHF International/Haiti Emergency Job Creations/Solid Waste Management Program Quarterly Performance Report

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The primary goal of USAID/CHF International Emergency Job Creation/Solid Waste Management Program is to create 7,500 person months of work over a 9 month term and collect and dispose of 275,000 cubic meters of solid waste within the Metropolitan Area of Port au Prince, Haiti. In everyday terms this means employing approximately 1,000 people to collect slightly under 25% of the estimated output of refuse in the metropolitan area throughout the term of the agreement. The agreement runs from Aug 2, 2004 until April 30, 2005. The program is designed to address the need for immediate employment opportunities for the citizens of the metropolitan area while at the same time addressing sold waste management, one of the most significant chronic problems facing the region.

The key functional components are:

- The rehabilitation of the Truitier landfill through improvements to the access and circulation roads, and improvement of the on-site management facilities
- The collection of solid waste in each of the eight municipalities of the metropolitan area and transportation of the waste to the Truitier landfill
- The provision of material and technical support to the regional waste authority, the SMCRS
- The completion of several studies to improve the long-term prospects for a sustainable solid waste management system including a revenue generation study, a recycling study, and a study on the eventual closure of the Truitier site

During this period, the level of political related violence was somewhat less than the previous quarter, but nevertheless, sniper shootings continued sporadically, a portion of Port au Prince and Cité Soleil was inaccessible, and kidnappings are still very common. Operations were also thwarted at the landfill on numerous occasions, causing our contractors to suspend their operations. CHF engaged a fairly good number of people in Cité Soleil (500) and near the landfill. CHF nevertheless managed to maintain its operations and reached the level of employment target of the project. As of the end of March our level of employment had reached beyond the original goal of 7,500 jobs to more than 10,000. By the EOP in April we would have put more than 11,000 people to work and also collected close to our targeted level 275,000 m3 of waste.

The general appraisal of the community is that streets are definitively cleaner and their waste is for the most part being picked up regularly.



Period Work Activity

January – March 2005

During this period, the project attained its full operational level and averaged 2,000 person months of employment and 50,000 m3 of waste collected.

Administration

- Hiring of Alberto Wilde, the Director of Finance, Administration, and Contracting Services
- Continued procurement of tools and other project accessories.
- Obtained authorizations from Ministry of Planning.
- Participated in financial review of project by AID
- Training of office and field personnel

Project Activities

- Agreement of cooperation between FHE and CHF on motivational campaign and recycling studies.
 We subsequently decided to review as the GOH is intending to finance the undertaking of similar studies.
- Agreements signed with 3 waste haulers chosen through the bidding process
- Agreements signed with two other contractors that had also participated in the bid
- Engaged in emergency cleanup of a sector of the National road with TPTC and MDE and the Mayor of Cité Soleil, we collected more than 10,000 m3 on the national road thereby improving the area's environment and diminishing accidents and the risk for accidents
- Employed upwards of 2,000 people each month to participate in street cleaning activities
- Financed the construction of an administrative building for SMCRS
- Started financing the rehabilitation of the access road
- Identified and recruited new community groups to participate in the program
- Trained community groups to manage neighborhood clean up activities
- Distributed large waste bins in all cities
- Distributed plastic recycling drums in major schools and public places
- Launched a motivational campaign through ads on the radio and television enticing people to put their waste in bags and to use the large garbage bins
- Agreement signed with consultant Derek Smith to undertake the landfill operational study



GRANT AMOUNT	\$3,040,769					
OBLIGATED	\$2,850,000					
CATEGORY	BUDGET	FY 04 EXP	FY 05 EXP	LOP EXP	VAR	BURN RATE
Contractual	2,159,896	30,310	1,213,590	1,243,900	915,996	58%
Equipment	131,351	8 , 777	20,453	29,230	102,121	22%
Fringe Benefits	11,017	4,545	20,159	24,704	-13,687	224%
Indirect Charges	163,896	27 , 717	86,369	114,086	49,810	70%
Other	361,856	37 , 098	56 , 985	94,083	267 , 773	26%
Personnel	169,063	24,407	127,229	151,636	17,427	90%
Supplies	3,600	51 , 759	91,337	143,096	-139,496	3975%
Travel	4,000	6 , 887	5 , 732	12,619	-8,619	315%
Total	3,040,769	191,499	1,621,854	1,813,354	1,191,325	60%

The project is showing an overall burn rate of 60% whereas it should be at 88%. The project started in full swing during the month of December, so that is why the burn rate is so low. The results however, in terms of job creation activities and waste collection show a different story, we have surpassed our jobs creation objectives by 137% and our waste collection efforts are at 84%

This provides a good opportunity to further increase the level of job creation by LOP and to significantly improve our waste collection efforts.

ACTIVITY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	% REALIZED
TOTAL JOBS WASTE	7,500	10,289	137%
COLLECTION	275,000	231,277	84%





